

My name is Bernadette Chopra and I am a resident of Naperville in Will County. I am providing my testimony as an active and engaged member of my community for the last 25 years.

My husband and I raised our kids in this community when we were considered the minority. But I am proud to state that our community has changed and evolved in the last 25 years.

Families like mine are no longer an invisible part of the community. We are involved, seen , heard and well represented at all levels of government.

As an active citizen , I have worked hard to ensure that is the case.

Though we have made great strides in our community , recent National developments lead me to fear that diverse voices and opinions could become an unwelcome reality in our National dialogue.

I sometimes worry that there is a concerted effort to suppress and silence voices that are looked upon as " un-American" .

But I am reassured that my member of Congress, Lauren Underwood, is representing the best of our community and it's values in Washington.

Congresswoman Underwood is uniquely capable of connecting with her diverse constituency because I truly believe she shares our values and many of our life experiences. That unique connection equips her to be the best representation of the community she serves and represents in Washington.

I hope the committee will take into consideration all of the ways our community has changed in the last decade when drawing new legislative lines.

I further hope that the committee will ensure that our community continues to be well represented by someone who shares our values and understands our perspective for potentially the next decade.

Thank you,

Bernadette Chopra